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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD

Enclosed are:

- THIRTEEN (13) sheets of formal drawings, Figures 1-11.
- An Assignment of the invention to CANON KABUSHIKI KAISHA
- The application claims priority from Japanese Application 2000-333490 filed October 31, 2000.
- Certified copies of the priority documents are enclosed.
- A Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.

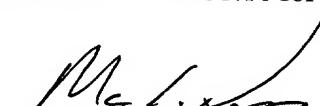
A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

An Information Disclosure Statement.

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Claims	6 - 3 = 3	x \$ 84.00 =		252.00	
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